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To Comrade KIM IL SUNG

General Secretary of the CC of the WPK President of the DPRK

Pyongyang

Respected Comrade President,

We delegates of the millions of working people of the five continents have the honour of informing you of the fact that we held an International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country in Sofia between December 8 and 10 and made the following declaration:

The conference held under the auspices of the World Federation of Trade Unions and trade union organizations of the five continents underlined the successes made by the socialist countries, developing countries and the progressive forces of the capitalist countries in the struggle for peace and social progress, expressed unanimous support to the struggle of the Korean people and workers and bitterly denounced the plot of the US imperialists and their stooges to create "two Koreas" and their brutal moves to ignite a new war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The attendants of the conference unanimously demanded that the "UN Command" be dissolved and the US troops quit south Korea taking along all nuclear weapons and mass destruction weapons for the preservation and consolidation of peace in Korea and Asia and the peaceful solution of Korea's reunification question.

And they also demanded that the United States immediately accept the just proposals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on replacing the Korean Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement.

The attendants of the conference fully supported the just demand of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that Korea's reunification must be realized by the Korean people themselves through the Great National Congress fully reflecting the will of the whole nation without any outside interference in accordance with the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification set forth by the President.

We assure the President that we will as ever make all efforts to strengthen solidarity with the Korean workers and people by mobilizing the working people and trade union organizations of the world and, at the same time, express solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country under the wise leadership of the President and extend full support and encouragement to them.

We reverentially wish the President new successes in your constant efforts for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and the prosperity and development of socialist Korea as well as good health and a long life.

Attendants of the International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country

Sofia, December 10, 1976

TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Comrade **Fidel Castro Ruz** on his election as President of the State Council of the Republic of Cuba.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Boumibol Adulyadej**, King of the Kingdom of Thailand, on the occasion of the national day of the Kingdom of Thailand.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message to **Urho Kekkonen**, President of the Republic of Finland, greeting the 59th anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of Finland.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, sent a message of greetings to **Gnassingbe Eyadema** on the latter's reelection as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Togolese People's Rally.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan** on the latter's reelection as President of the United Arab Emirates.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **El-Hadj Aboubakar Sangoule Lamizana**, President of the Republic of Upper Volta, on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Upper Volta.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, received a message from **Agostinho Neto**, Chairman of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and President of the People's Republic of Angola, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the occasion of the first anniversary of the independence of Angola.

The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Sends Congratulations to Comrade Teng Ying-chao

Hyon Jun Guk, ambassador of our country to China, on December 8 courteously conveyed congratulations and greetings extended by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife Comrade Kim Song Ae to Comrade Teng Ying-chao upon her appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress at the Third Session of the Standing Committee of the Fourth National People's Congress of China.

On the occasion Vice-Chairman Teng Ying-chao said: "I am sincerely thankful to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife Comrade Kim Song Ae for their precious words and warm congratulations full of the feelings of friendship." She noted that the congratulations extended by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung "are a great inspiration and encouragement for me. I deem it a great honour".

She also said: "The friendship between our two Parties, two countries and two peoples is a blood-sealed, deep-rooted friendship personally initiated and fostered by the great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung and the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung".

"I sincerely wish the great leader President Kim Il Sung good health and a long life as well as Comrade Kim Song Ae good health," she said. She asked the ambassador to convey her good wishes to the great leader and Comrade Kim Song Ae.

The talk proceeded in a very friendly atmosphere.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Foreign Minister of China Han Nien-lung and other personages concerned.

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The International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country held in Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, unanimously adopted on December 10 a "Resolution on Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country" and an "Appeal to the Workers and Trade Union Organizations throughout the World to Strengthen the Movement of Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People". Follow the full texts of the resolution and appeal adopted at the conference:

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Resolution on Solidarity with Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country

The International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from December 8 to 10, 1976 under the sponsorship of the World Federation of Trade Unions paid deep attention to the grave situation prevailing lately in Korea and discussed the question of taking most effective measures to express solidarity for the Korean people's cause of national reunification.

The struggle of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country is developing in the course of the allout advance of the world forces of peace and progress marked by the victory of the people over the forces of imperialism, war and reaction. The socialist countries, together with the developing countries and all the progressive forces of the capitalist countries, are playing a decisive role in the course of this advance. A change in the balance of forces in the world has created favourable conditions for the Korean workers and people to attain success in the struggle.

Of late the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are accelerating the arms reinforcement, introducing more and more nuclear weapons and other mass destruction weapons into south Korea. The US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are also intensifying the new war provocation manoeuvres against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and unhesitatingly resorting to nuclear blackmail.

Due to these grave manoeuvres of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to fix the division of Korea, keep occupying south Korea indefinitely and invade the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a dangerous situation in which a war may break out at any moment has been created in Korea and this gravely jeopardizes peace in Asia and the world.

The conference pungently denounces the machinations of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to create "two Koreas" and invade the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The conference also strongly protests to the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique against their intensification of the exploitation of the working people and violation of human rights and democratic rights as a link in their efforts to hasten the war preparations in south Korea.

The conference strongly denounces the United States for neglecting to implement the fair resolution adopted at the 30th session of the United Nations General Assembly with the support of the socialist countries and the non-aligned countries.

The demands reflected in the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly for dissolving the "UN Command," forcing all foreign troops to withdraw and letting the Korean people shape their future and reunify the country by themselves were supported also at the Colombo summit conference attended by 85 countries.

The conference considers that the workers and people throughout the world should direct deep attention to Korea in order to remove the heightened tension and the danger of new war in Korea.

The struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea holds a particularly important place in the struggle for national liberation, world peace and democratic progress.

The conference holds that the US imperialists must immediately stop provocations and war preparations in south Korea, ship out of there nuclear weapons, mass destruction weapons and all other weapons and dissolve the "UN Command," withdraw all foreign troops and dismantle all the military bases and replace the Korean Military Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement in accordance with the resolution adopted at the 30th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The conference supports the proposal that the country's reunification be achieved through negotiations and dialogue in the form of the Great National Congress reflecting the will of the whole nation in accordance with the five-point programme for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea advanced, representing the desires of the Korean workers and people, and the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity laid down in the July 4, 1972 North-South Joint Statement.

The conference manifests the firm determination of the workers and trade union organizations of all countries to further strengthen international solidarity supporting the struggle of the Korean workers and people for the realization of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, resolutely rise against the new war provocation manoeuvres of the US imperialists and their manoeuvres for perpetuation of the division of Korea and further intensify joint action for solidarity with the Korean workers and people.

The conference recommends the Secretariat of the WFTU to examine the possibility of founding an international trade union committee for solidarity with the Korean workers and take necessary measures for this and to organize and conduct trade union activities in various forms for the movement of solidarity with the Korean workers and people.

The conference appeals to the workers and trade union organizations of all countries to observe the period from June 25, the day when the US imperialists and their lackeys unleashed a war in Korea in 1950, to July 27, the day when the Armistice Agreement was signed in [illegible] as a period of solidarity and to observe the day when the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was proclaimed, as a day of solidarity and to further strengthen the international solidarity movement supporting the struggle of the Korean workers and people through various proper actions, such as statement, mass rally, signature campaign and demonstration, in accordance with the specific conditions and possibility of each country.

Appeal to the Workers and Trade Union Organizations throughout the World to Strengthen the Movement of Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People

The International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country was held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from December 8 to 10, 1976 under the sponsorship of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

All the attendants of the conference representing trade union organizations in different continents and regions and international organizations unanimously expressed their firm determination to develop joint action and further strengthen international solidarity in the struggle against the threat of a new war in Korea by the US imperialists and for the withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea and the realization of the reunification of Korea.

Considering that the struggle of the Korean workers and people is an inseparable part of the struggle of the world trade union movement and the entire peaceloving forces against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism and for national independence and peace, democratic development and social progress, the conference appeals to the workers and trade union organizations of all countries to further strengthen joint action to smash the manoeuvres of the imperialists for igniting a new war in Korea and successfully develop the movement of solidarity supporting the struggle of the Korean workers and people.

The conference also calls upon the trade union organizations and workers of all countries:

—To demand the United States army to withdraw from south Korea at once, taking along nuclear weapons, mass destruction weapons and all other weapons,

—To demand an immediate end to the provocative manoeuvres of the US troops occupying south Korea and the Seoul puppet clique against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and

—To demand that the Korean Military Armistice Agreement be replaced with a peace agreement in accordance with the resolution of the 30th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The conference appeals to the US workers and trade union organizations to actively struggle for the immediate withdrawal of the US troops occupying south Korea contrary to the will of the entire Korean people who desire the reunification of the country and to the public opinion of the world people who love peace and to oppose the production and transport of weapons and war supplies to be introduced into south Korea.

The conference appeals to the workers and trade union organizations of Japan to resolutely fight against the machinations of the Japanese reactionary forces which are intensifying neo-colonialist domination over south Korea in league with US imperialism and offering Japan as a US base of nuclear attack and aggression.

As already emphasized at the Colombo Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries, if a war breaks out in Korea, it may expand to Asia and the world. To take joint action to thwart the aggressive machinations of the US imperialists in Korea, therefore, is a task of the workers and trade union organizations of all countries and the world trade union movement.

The conference also appeals to the workers and trade union organizations of all countries to further strengthen the international solidarity movement to thwart and frustrate the "two Koreas" plot of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The conference appeals to the workers and trade union organizations of all countries to further strengthen the international solidarity movement so that the reunification of Korea may be realized on the basis of the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification laid down by President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The conference appeals to the workers and trade union organizations of all countries to strongly denounce the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's fascist repression of the south Korean workers, peasants, intellectuals and other democratic, patriotic forces demanding the democratization of society and the peaceful reunification of the country.

The conference appeals to the trade union organizations and workers of all countries to exert their influence upon their governments so that the latter may take joint action at the United Nations and specialized agencies for guaranteeing human rights, democratic freedom and the trade union rights in south Korea and defending the legitimate national rights of the Korean citizens in Japan.

The conference appeals to the trade union organizations and workers of all countries to conduct a movement to put pressure upon the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to release promptly all the arrested and imprisoned patriots of south Korea.

Your international solidarity and all your measures for supporting the just cause of the Korean people for the withdrawal of the US troops from their country and the achievement of national reunification will be a great encouragement to the fighting Korean workers and people.

"US Imperialist Aggression Troops, Get Out of South Korea!" "Dissolve the 'UN Command'!" "Let Us Strengthen Solidarity with the Korean People Fighting for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country!"

International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country Held with Success in Sofia, Capital of Bulgaria

The International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country met in Sofia from December 8 to 10.

Seen in the meeting hall were the slogans reading: "US imperialist aggression troops, get out of south Korea!" "Dissolve the 'UN Command'!" and "Let us strengthen solidarity with the Korean people fighting for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country!"

Immortal classic works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, "Kim Il Sung: Biography," "Kim Il Sung: Short Biography" and "Brief History of the Revolutionary Activities of Comrade Kim Il Sung" were on display in the meeting hall.

Shown in place of honour in the meeting hall was the teaching of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung that:

"The basic policy consistently followed by our Party in the struggle for national reunification is to attain the goal independently by the Korean people themselves, free from any outside interference, and by peaceful means on the democratic principle."

Also put up there were streamers introducing the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification and 10 major perspective targets of socialist economic construction, photos showing the achievements made by our people in the revolution and construction under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, photos exposing the aggressive machinations of US imperialism against our people, photos showing the miserable life of the south Korean people and their struggle and photos illustrating international solidarity with the Korean people's cause of national reunification.

The conference was attended by trade union delegations and delegates from 65 countries, a delegation of the World Federation of Trade Unions, delegations of different trade unions, delegations of regional organizations and delegations of international democratic organizations including the World Federation of Democratic Youth, the Women's International Democratic Federation and the International Union of Students.

Also attending the conference were many Bulgarian trade union workers.

The trade union delegation of our country headed by Kim Guk Hun and a delegation of south Korean workers also attended the conference.

Enrique Pastorino, President of the World Federation of Trade Unions, made an opening address at the conference.

Referring to the fact that after World War II Korea was artificially bisected by US imperialism, he noted that the entire people in the northern half of the Republic, rallied close around the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, put an end to the exploitation of man by man and developed their country into a rich and powerful country.

But the south Korean workers and people are subjected to brutal suppression, exploitation and poverty, he said.

Most respected President Kim Il Sung put forward the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification, the keynote of which is to reunify the country by a peaceful means without outside interference and achieve great national unity, transcending differences in ideology, ideal and system, he emphasized.

The struggle of the Korean workers and people, he said with emphasis, is an import-

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"Today the Bulgarian People's Republic, As in the Past, Actively Supports the Just Cause of the Korean People"

Todor Zhivkov Sends Congratulatory Message to the International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country

Todor Zhivkov, President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic, on December 8 sent a congratulatory message to the International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country which opened in Sofia.

The congratulatory message said:

In the name of the Bulgarian people and the State Council and Government of the Bulgarian People's Republic, I extend sincere congratulations to the attendants of the International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country.

The Bulgarian People's Republic highly appraises and supports the consistent and active line of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for achieving the reunification of the country peacefully on a democratic principle without any outside interference.

The current conference is a demonstration of the positive efforts of the World Federation of Trade Unions to strengthen the militant unity and solidarity of millions of workers throughout the world and all the anti-imperialist forces in the struggle for peace and national independence, democracy and social progress, the congratulatory message noted, and continued:

Today the Bulgarian People's Republic, as in the past, actively supports the just cause of the Korean people.

We hold that the resolution of the 30th UN General Assembly calling for the dissolution of "the UN Command" in south Korea, the withdrawal of the US army and military equipment from south Korea and the replacement of the Korean Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement should be completely implemented.

We believe that this will be a new important advance in opposing war, accelerating the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and consolidating peace and security in Asia and the world over. **(KCNA)**

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ant link in the struggle of the workers and people of the world against the exploitation by multi-national companies and for national liberation and human rights, democratic freedom, development of independent economy, social progress and peace.

He declared: The World Federation of Trade Unions always standing on the side of the Korean people and expressing militant solidarity with their just cause will do its utmost to wage an international movement of solidarity with the struggle of the Korean people through the united action and mass movement of trade unions. The current conference will play a very important role in the development of the solidarity movement and in strengthening the solidarity movement of the world people.

A congratulatory message of Todor Zhivkov, President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic, to the conference was read out.

Chairman of the Central Council of Bulgarian Trade Unions Misho Mishev made a congratulatory speech.

A decisive condition for the reunification of Korea is to force the US troops to withdraw from south Korea, he stressed.

At the conference Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions Mahendra Sen delivered a report and head of the trade union delegation of our country Kim Guk Hun made a supplementary report.

Following the report the floor was taken at the conference by delegates of trade union organizations of Ecuador, Madagascar, Portugal, the Soviet Union, the GDR, Cyprus, Sri Lanka, Hungary, Laos, Argentina, Romania, Angola, Palestine, Somalia, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Czechoslovakia, Panama, Algeria, Yugoslavia, Lebanon, Viet Nam, Poland, Upper Volta, Venezuela, France, Brazil, Cuba, Austria, Colombia, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Spain, Tanzania, Syria, the Congo, Uruguay, Indonesia, Libya, Iraq and Benin, delegates of the Trade Unions International of Transport, Port and Fishery Workers and other different trade unions, delegates of regional trade union organizations and delegates of various international democratic organizations including the Women's International Democratic Federation, the International Union of Students and the World Peace Council.

A representative of south Korean workers also spoke at the conference.

The speakers unanimously expressed respect and adoration for the respected and beloved leader, loudly shouting "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" They also highly praised the wise leadership of the great leader who led the revolution and construction to victory.

The speakers expressed full support to the policy of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for national reunification and strongly demanded that the US imperialists must implement without delay the resolution of the 30th session of the United Nations General Assembly on the Korean question.

At the closing session on December 10, a letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was unanimously adopted amid an enthusiastic applause of the entire attendants.

A letter to Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic, was also adopted amid a warm applause of the entire attendants at the conference.

Also adopted at the conference with unanimous approval were a Resolution on Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country, an Appeal to the Workers and Trade Union Organizations throughout the World to Strengthen the Movement of Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People, a Letter to the Secretary General of the United Nations and a Letter to the South Korean Workers.

Read out at the closing session of the conference were congratulatory messages from trade union organizations of various countries and different trade union organizations and international democratic organizations.

Enrique Pastorino, Chairman of the World Federation of Trade Unions, made a closing speech.

He said that the conference made clear the duty and responsibility of the world trade union movement to strengthen solidarity till the Korean people have won final victory in the struggle for the country's reunification, and discussed the orientation of its future activities.

The conference, he stressed, voiced full support to the three principles and five-point policy for the reunification of the country put forward by Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and expressed the firm determination to strengthen a world-wide movement of solidarity for the disbandment of the "UN Command" and the withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea in order to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

The World Federation of Trade Unions will further strengthen the movement of solidarity with the struggle of the Korean people and fight to implement the resolution adopted at the conference, he declared.

The trade union delegation of our country arranged a banquet on the 10th in honour of the attendants of the conference.

The attendants of the banquet drank toasts to the strengthening and development of the international working-class movement, to the friendship and solidarity among the workers and trade union organizations of all countries of the world, to the good health and long life of the great leader of the Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung and to the good health and long life of the outstanding leader of the Bulgarian people Comrade Todor Zhivkov. **(KCNA)**

The International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country held in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, adopted with a unanimous approval a Letter to the South Korean Workers affirming full support and solidarity for them and a Letter to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim asking him to take an effective step for the implementation of the resolution of the 30th session of the UN General Assembly. Given below are the full texts of the letters:

LETTER TO SOUTH KOREAN WORKERS

Dear brothers and sisters,

The International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country held in Sofia, Bulgaria, under the auspices of the World Federation of Trade Unions sends warm greetings to the south Korean workers and, at the same time, hopes for great success in your struggle for democracy, the right of trade union, the withdrawal of the US forces and the reunification of the country.

A delegation of south Korean workers attended this conference and made a speech on the actual state of things in south Korea, which was greatly helpful to the work of the conference.

In its documents adopted, the conference denounced the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for perpetrating such fascist suppression at the instigation of the US imperialists as arresting, jailing and murdering large numbers of workers, democratic figures, intellectuals and believers and all other patriotic forces who took up the demands for freedom, democracy, the right of trade union, the right to existence and the country's peaceful reunification.

The conference sharply lashed at the "emergency measures" and "emergency alert" and all other desperate suppressive steps of the puppet regime and the provocative manoeuvres and war preparations of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique.

You south Korean workers are by no means alone in your struggle. You enjoy powerful support of the workers and people of all countries struggling for peace, national independence and social progress.

The trade union organizations of all continents present at this conference affirm their full support and solidarity for the south Korean workers.

The conference expressed the firm belief that you will register fine success in the concerted action for your legitimate rights, termination of the US forces' occupation of one part of Korea and for national reunification, with the support of the workers of all countries who are waging the joint struggle against imperialism and for national independence and social progress.

You may rest assured that the resolution adopted at this conference will help the workers and trade union organizations of all countries further strengthen and develop their activities of international solidarity with the Korean workers and people in the struggle for bringing earlier the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

Assuring you of our complete solidarity always,

Yours fraternally

LETTER TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM

Sir,

The International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country which was held in Sofia, Bulgaria, between December 8 and 10, 1976 under the auspices of the World Federation of Trade Unions unanimously decided to send this letter to you in connection with the Korean question.

The conference was attended by representatives of trade union organizations of all continents of the world and international organizations.

The conference expressed deep apprehensions as to the fact that the affirmative resolution (No. 3390 B) adopted at the 30th session of the UN General Assembly on November 18, 1975 demanding the disbandment of the "UN Command", the withdrawal of all foreign troops from south Korea and the replacement of the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement has not been implemented.

The conference pointed out that the Political Declaration and the "Resolution on the Korean Question" adopted by representatives of 85 countries at the Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries held in Colombo between August 16 and 19, 1976 actively supported these demands reflected in the resolution of the UN General Assembly.

It is clear that the great majority of the UN member states are in favour of the implementation of this resolution.

It is well known a fact that as the United States opposes the execution of the resolution of the UN General Assembly, as the United States, illegally occupying south Korea by force of arms, is massively reinforcing its armed forces and undertaking provocative acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and as the United States and the south Korean authorities are persistently hastening war preparations, a dangerous tension is further increasing in Korea at present.

The conference decided to demand that the United Nations take a prompt action for removing the tension and danger of war in Korea and letting the Korean people achieve the country's peaceful reunification by themselves in conformity with the UN Charter.

The conference, therefore, requests you to help promote the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea by taking an effective step for the implementation of the resolution of the UN General Assembly No. 3390 B calling for disbandment of the "UN Command", withdrawal of all foreign troops from south Korea and replacement of the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement.

Assuring you of our high consideration

Report of Mahendra Sen, WFTU Secretary

at the International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country (Gist)

Mahendra Sen, Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions, made a report at the first day sitting of the International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with the Korean Workers and People for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Country.

In the "Preface" of the report, the reporter said:

The WFTU has always extended full support and solidarity for the struggle of the Korean workers and people against the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet regime and for achieving the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

The WFTU has always regarded the struggle of the Korean people as part of the struggle of the international trade union movement and the world peaceloving people against imperialism and colonialism and for national independence, freedom, democracy, peace and social progress.

Pointing out that since their crushing defeat in Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia, the US imperialists have intensified the aggressive manoeuvres against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, while tightening the political, economic and military tieup with south Korea and Japan, the reporter went on:

The "Resolution on the Korean Question" adopted at the Colombo Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries clearly pointed out that unless the aggressive manoeuvres of the imperialists in Korea are thwarted, a war may break out in Korea and it will escalate to the scale of Asia and the world.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet regime keeps intensifying the fascist suppression of the south Korean workers and people, while stepping up the war preparations in south Korea.

Under this situation, it is necessary to smash the new aggressive manoeuvres of the US imperialists and the puppet clique in south Korea, force the US troops illegally occupying south Korea to withdraw from there and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea as early as possible.

In the second part "The Origin and Historic Background of the Korean Question" of the report, the reporter said:

What is the fundamental problem in Korea is for the workers and people to put an end to the imperialist occupation of one part of the country and reunify the country and to have the right to decide their future independently by themselves.

The Korean question was originated by the aggression of US imperialism against Korea and its interference in her internal affairs as part of the imperialist strategy against peace and national independence.

The reporter continued:

The US imperialists, behaving as occupationist troops after occupying south Korea, enforced a military government and suppressed and dismantled all people's power organs already set up there and cut off traffic, transportation, communications and visits of people between the north and the south which had been going on freely by that time. So started the tragic division of Korea.

The reporter gave a detailed account of the fact that the US imperialists unilaterally abrogated the decision of the Conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain and brought the Korean question to the United Nations in 1947, rigged up a puppet regime in south Korea and provoked the Korean war.

The US imperialist aggressors concluded the "'ROK'-US mutual defence treaty" providing for the US forces' permanent occupation of south Korea in August 1953 in violation of the Armistice Agreement.

The Geneva conference for the peaceful settlement of the Korean question was called in April-June, 1954. At the conference, the United States rejected the most reasonable proposals for Korea's reunification advanced by the representative of the DPRK and unilaterally wrecked the conference.

In the third part "The Consistent Struggle of the Government of the DPRK for the Country's Peaceful Reunification," the reporter remarked:

Referring to the basic policy of the Government of the DPRK for the reunification of the country, President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has said:

"The basic policy consistently followed by our Party in the struggle for national reunification is to attain the goal independently by the Korean people themselves, free from any outside interference, and by peaceful means on the democratic principle. In accordance with this basic policy, and reflecting correctly the requirements of the developments in our country and the wishes of our nation, our Party presented on many occasions the most fair and reasonable proposals for national reunification acceptable to anyone, and exerted every possible effort for their realization."

The Government and all the political parties and public organizations of the DPRK have advanced proposals for the peaceful reunification on more than 150 occasions up to date since liberation.

The United States and the south Korean side have turned down all these proposals and have not put forward any proposal helpful to the settlement of Korea's reunification question throughout this period.

Referring to the fact that President Kim Il Sung advanced new proposals for wide-range north-south negotiations on August 6, 1971, the reporter stressed:

After these new proposals were made, the south Korean authorities had no alternative but to come out for a dialogue with the DPRK though in the form of the talks between the Red Cross organizations, under the pressure of the south Korean people. Later, the North-South Joint Statement was made public on July 4, 1972, through north-south high-level talks.

The south Korean authorities recognized the three principles of national reunification put forward by President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and signed the North-South Joint Statement. But they had no sooner turned their back than they wantonly violated the agreed points of the statement, the reporter said, and went on:

The Pak Jung Hi clique issued on June 23, 1973 a "special statement" calling for the creation of "two Koreas", south Korea's separate UN membership and the permanent partition of Korea.

As a result, the north-south dialogue was brought to a deadlock and the north-south relations returned to the state before the announcement of the North-South Joint Statement which was less than one year old at that time. There was a grave danger of permanent division.

At this juncture, President Kim Il Sung advanced the five-point policy for national reunification, the reporter noted, and went on:

In accordance with the three principles and five-point policy for national reunification, the DPRK proposed to conclude a peace agreement with the US for removing the danger of a new war and guaranteeing a lasting peace in Korea. But the US side has not given any answer to this proposal as yet.

The reporter said further:

Pak Jung Hi swore his "loyalty" to the "Emperor" of Japan and repressed and massacred revolutionaries and patriots who fought against the Japanese colonial rulers in the past.

The Pak Jung Hi clique who have been "loyal" to US imperialism after the surrender of Japanese imperialism are, in fact, maintained by the bayonets of the US imperialists.

The DPRK side always keeps the door of dialogue flung open and made it clear that it is ready to have talks with the south Korean authorities if they stop the suppression of democratic figures, release the arrested and detained figures, put an end to the fascist rule and choose the road of democracy by themselves, give up the nation-splitting manoeuvres and take the road of national reunification.

In the fourth part "Reinforcement of US Forces and Nuclear Stockpiling in South Korea and Threat to Peace," the reporter said:

The US State Department officially informed the south Korean authorities in April, 1976 that "the US has no intention to withdraw its forces present in south Korea and, on the contrary, will take a step to promptly reinforce the US forces present in south Korea, if necessary".

After declaring south Korea its "forward defence zone" the United States has massively introduced nuclear weapons and other mass destruction weapons into south Korea.

The south Korean authorities' puppet army strength was 700,000 as of the end of 1975. In April, 1976, they reinforced the "homeland defence reserve forces" to over 3 million strong and increased their combat power to the level of the "second ground force".

Pointing out that the south Korean authorities organized the "civil defence corps" 4,059,900 strong and "students homeland defence corps" over 1,460,000 strong, the reporter continued:

The United States is actively enlisting Japan in its preparations for a war of aggression against Korea.

On July 8, 1976, the United States and Japan set up the "US-Japan joint consultative defence sub-committee" for the purpose of strengthening the US-Japan military joint operational system.

In step with the massive reinforcement of armed forces, the United States and its Seoul puppet clique have stepped up war exercises and military provocations.

Noting that US imperialist bellicose generals are intensifying war manoeuvres, twaddling about nine-day or seven-day short war, the reporter stressed:

Counting on their nuclear and non-nuclear weapons, the US bellicose generals are planning to reduce beautiful Korea to debris.

This plan of the US Defence Department directly jeopardizes peace in Korea and Asia and the rest of the world.

In the fifth part "For Further Stepping Up the Joint Action of Support to the Struggle of the Korean Workers and People," the reporter went on to say:

Peace in Korea is maintained by the patient efforts and self-restraint of the workers and people of the DPRK and its government.

As taught by President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the question that should be solved above all for achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea is to force all the foreign troops to withdraw from south Korea and replace the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement in accordance with the resolution of the 30th UN General Assembly session.

The tense situation in Korea demands that the world peaceloving people, workers, trade unions, political parties, public organizations and other international organizations further strengthen the solidarity movement and support the just cause of the Korean workers and people for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

What is most important in this is to arouse world opinion favourable to Korea's reunification and not to allow the US imperialists to stay on in south Korea any longer.

Saying that the truth of the national misfortunes and sufferings imposed upon the Korean people should be informed to the world workers and people and world opinion be energetically called forth, the reporter emphasized:

Full support and encouragement should be extended to the Korean people in the struggle for realizing the policy of the DPRK for the country's independent and peaceful reunification and in the struggle for the disbandment of the "UN Command" and the withdrawal of the US forces from south Korea in accordance with the UN resolution.

The new war provocation manoeuvres and "two Koreas" plot of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique and their inhumane suppression of the south Korean people should be strongly denounced.

Solidarity should be strengthened with the south Korean people fighting against the fascist terror and suppression and for attaining the democratization of society and national reunification.

Every possible form of joint action should be initiated and conducted to express solidarity with the Korean workers and people and strengthen solidarity with them.

In conclusion, the reporter declared:

Let us strengthen by all efforts the solidarity movement supporting the Korean workers and people! **(KCNA)**

20th North-South Red Cross Working-Level Meeting Held

The 20th Red Cross working-level meeting was held in the conference room of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission from 10 a.m. on December 10, according to the spokesman of the delegation of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

At the meeting, deputy head of the delegation of our side Chu Chang Jun declared:

Firstly, we hold that in south Korea the violation of human rights should be stopped unconditionally and people's elementary rights and freedom of democratic activities be guaranteed in accordance with the noble humanitarian spirit of Red Cross and the unbiased world public opinion.

Secondly, we maintain that in south Korea the policy of confrontation and split hampering the solution of the humanitarian question should be renounced, a climate of great national unity created and the movement for peaceful reunification actively promoted.

Thirdly, we assert that the south Korean Red Cross must return to the original stand of Red Cross and show all sincerity in the efforts for the solution of the humanitarian question.

In conclusion deputy head Chu Chang Jun stressed that the south Korean side must remove a terror-ridden atmosphere, an atmosphere of confrontation in south Korea and create a climate for the humanitarian talks at an early date so that the 8th full-dress talks of the north and south Red Cross organizations may be opened in Seoul and give up the unwarranted act designed to create confusion in the talks or turn them into political ones by raising problems not included in the agenda.

The south Korean side, however, refusing to give up its previous unhumanitarian and splittist stand and shamelessly trying to shift the responsibility for the delay of the talks on to our side, repeated the unjust assertion, bringing forth such preposterous questions as "visit to the ancestral graves".

The deputy head of the delegation of our side logically refuted such assertion and far-fetched demand of the south Korean side and repeatedly urged the south Korean side to accept our fair proposals.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on February 11 next year.

South Korean Students Who Have Risen against Fascism and for Democracy Will Surely Emerge Victorious in Their Just Struggle

Massive Anti-"Government" Struggle of South Korean University Students

Over 500 students of Seoul University held a mass anti-"government" meeting on the morning of December 8, pungently denouncing the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique's payoffs to their US masters, according to foreign press reports.

This anti-"government" meeting took place at about 10 a.m. in the precincts of the Law College of Seoul University, attended mainly by students of the college.

At the meeting the students distributed handbills with the heading "declaration for democracy and national salvation" which called for "making public the truth of the bribery scandal" and "cancelling the emergency measures." Many students made indignation speeches at the meeting denouncing the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

In their indignation speeches they said that traitor Pak Jung Hi, the boss of the traitorous clique, "is trying to perpetuate his rule." They resolutely opposed and rejected this.

They claimed that the whole aspects of the filthy and despicable payoffs of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to their US masters should be laid bare.

Then they shouted: "Make public the truth of the bribery in the United States," "Repeal the revitalized system" and "Withdraw the emergency measures".

According to a report of the Japanese newspaper "Mainichi Shimbun", the anti-"government" struggle of the students of Seoul University was an extensive mass resistance struggle waged in close coordination with students of Koryo University and Yonse University. At the Koryo University the same declaration as read by students of Seoul University was read out on December 9.

As for the anti-"government" meeting held at Seoul University, it was one of the anti-"government" meetings which were scheduled to be held with Yonse University as the axis, and demonstrations were to be staged simultaneously at Yonse, Koryo and other universities in Seoul and the same "declaration for democracy and national salvation" was to be read out.

The paper emphasized: **"What is noteworthy in the students' movement is that they criticize the policies of the present government and demand the 'replacement of the regime' and the 'abolition of the revitalized system'. The three universities planned to draft one and the same declaration and publish it simultaneously. This shows that the students still have a great strength to conduct a campaign against the government."** Then it reported on the intense activities carried on by students outside the campus.

The foreign reports called attention to the fact that at a time when the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's payoff scandal which has earned for them the hatred and condemnation of the broad public circles of the world was not yet widely known in south Korea due to the rigorous press censorship, students of Seoul University held an anti-"government" protest meeting.

Frightened by the struggle of students who exposed and denounced their bribery scandal, the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits hurriedly sent agents to disperse the anti-"government" meeting. They arrested some students and are harshly persecuting them.

With nothing, however, can the fascist hangmen conceal their irregularity or arrest the struggle of the people and students who demand their resignation of "power".

Hinting this point, a foreign news dispatch from Seoul stressed the fact that students of Seoul University held a mass protest meeting in spite of the "emergency measures No. 9", a draconic repressive law prohibiting the holding of all meetings. (KCNA)

"Declaration for Democracy and National Salvation" Published at Anti-"Government" Meeting of South Korean University Students

Copies of the "declaration for democracy and national salvation" were distributed to many students at the mass anti-"government" protest meeting of Seoul University students held on the morning of December 8. According to a KNS report from Tokyo quoting the Japanese paper "Mainichi Shimbun," the full text of the declaration reads:

1. Schoolmates,

The pulse of the March 1 Movement and the April "Revolution" is sinking to a stop.

Students who courageously rose each time the country was at stake,

Students who dedicated youth to the struggle against imperialism and dictatorship,

1. History calls us again.

Now the sky is dark and the ground is frozen. Nobody tells truth. Cowardly, silence is kept. How long will this suffocating silence continue?

1. Schoolmates, we must not hesitate to indict this disgusting reality.

What has the "revitalized Constitution" enforced amid the roar of tanks shaking the earth on October 17, 1972, the terrifying day, brought us?

It is the "emergency measures".

1. The "emergency measures" repressed and trampled underfoot campus freedom and gagged the press, brandishing clubs.

A countless number of patriotic-minded people were thrown into prison.

In schools the students are deprived of the right to autonomy with the "students homeland defence corps," a subsidized organization, being used as a tool.

1. The vital rights of the toiling people deprived of even the three labour rights due to the skyrocketing price and starvation wages are threatened from the elementary one.

1. All powers originate from among the people.

The Constitution must be instituted in accordance with the will of the people.

This notwithstanding, the present "regime" frustrates all the efforts for democratic constitutional amendment, clinging to the tyrannical way of thinking that puts the state and regime in the same category.

1. Why does a man with a limited life try to control eternal history?

Why does a man with limited wisdom try to violate freedom which has unlimited vital power?

Why does a man with limited ability try to singlehandedly undertake the constantly changing security?

Why does an individual with limited personality try to control permanently the eternal government of the people?

1. Moreover, the present "regime" degraded the pride of the nation to the bottom in the payoffs to the US high-ranking officials.

It paid tens of millions of dollars to Ford, Kissinger and many US Congressmen who supported the present "regime".

Such illegal acts of the present "regime" did not start yesterday or today.

1. The man repeated his firm pledge not to run for presidency after May 16, 1961 and again made a "declaration that he would not run for the third-term office," a commitment given at the time of the 1967 "elections".

At the time of the 1971 "presidential elections" he stressed that "it was the last time" for him "to run for presidency." But he brought in tanks and cooked up the "revitalized Constitution". We will no longer be fooled.

1. The "revitalized Constitution" fabricated with the support of tanks and troops is nothing but the destruction of the "order of the constitutional government". We resolutely and totally reject the "revitalized Constitution".

1. Holding high the torch of justice, freedom and truth at the foot of Kwanak hill the movement for the restoration of democracy declares as follows in order to break silence on the eve of storm and open a new chapter in the history of the nation:

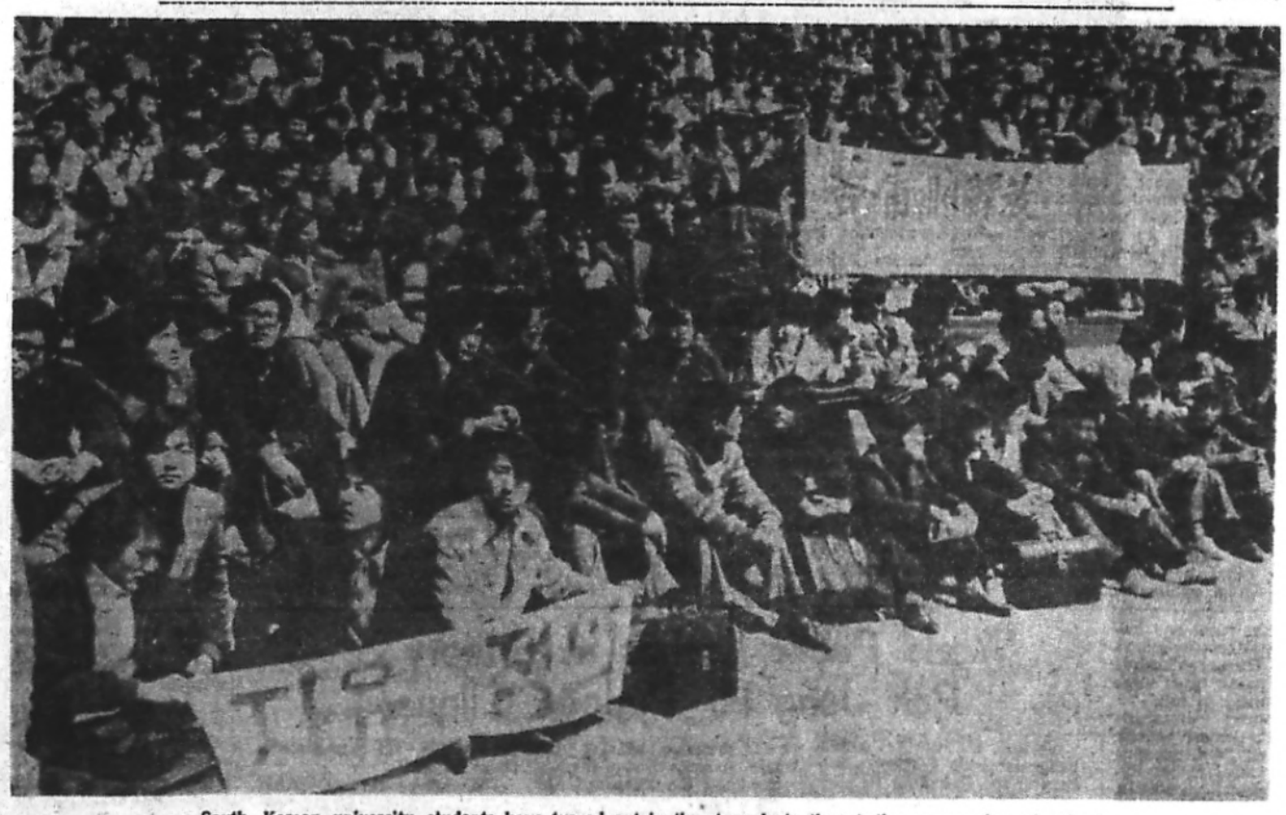
1) Abolish the "revitalized Constitution".

2) Oppose the "revitalized system", dictatorial government.

3) Repeal "emergency measures No. 9".

4) Probe into the payoffs to US Congress.

(KCNA)



South Korean university students have turned out in the struggle to thwart the suppression of school by the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique and achieve democratic freedom

Korean nationals in Japan supporting and encouraging the righteous struggle of the youth and students and people of south Korea against the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique

Full Support and Encouragement to Righteous Struggle of South Korean Students

On December 8 more than 500 students of Seoul University in south Korea gathered and issued the "declaration for democracy and national salvation" denouncing the crimes of the arch-traitor Pak Jung Hi, strongly demanding the abolition of the "revitalized system" and the withdrawal of the "emergency measures" and calling for bringing to light the truth of the bribery scandal. And they staged a mass anti-"government" demonstration.

Voices supporting and encouraging the struggle of Seoul University students are now becoming louder and louder in every quarter.

CC of Korean Journalists Union Issues Statement

On the 13th the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union made public a statement supporting the struggle of the south Korean youth and students and castigating the press gag of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

Saying that the recent righteous struggle of Seoul University students has been made known only partially by some foreign dispatches because the press in south Korea is forced to remain silent about the just voices of youth and students and people, the statement pointed out: Owing to the Pak Jung Hi ruffians' brutal suppression of the freedom of speech, the south Korean press has been reduced to a tool of power and south Korea has turned into a land of desolation and dismalness where the press is muzzled—journalists are not allowed to write about patriotism and newspapers and radios are prohibited from reporting about the voices calling for national salvation.

It went on to say:

Expressing deep apprehension as to the gloomy situation of the south Korean press caused by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union resolutely condemns with surging national indignation the criminal acts of the south Korean fascist elements who are brutally suppressing the press, challenging human civilization and conscience.

Today when their shameful doomsday is not far off, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique must not seek their way out in the press gag but stop their criminal fascistization policy and treachery and resign "power" without delay, as demanded by the south Korean youth and students and people.

The prevailing situation in south Korea, the statement said, calls upon south Korea's conscientious men of the press loving the country and people to raise their pen high for democracy and national salvation and for patriotism, well aware of their historical mission. It expressed the conviction that men of the press in south Korea will not be reduced to the slaves of money and power but fight on bravely for democracy and national salvation and for reunification and take a stance of true pressmen who are not ashamed of themselves before the fighting youth and students and who prove themselves worthy before history and people.

Oratorical Contest of Pyongyang University and College Students Held

On the 13th an oratorical contest of university and college students in Pyongyang was held in the capital in support of the anti-fascist democratic struggle of Seoul University students and in denunciation of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's repression of school.

Put up with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and legendary hero.

Present at the contest were personages concerned and a large number of university and college students in the city.

The "declaration for democracy and national salvation" made public by Seoul University students on the 8th was read out.

Then followed fervent speeches of university and college students in the city.

The speakers pointed out that the recent struggle of Seoul University students was a just struggle to smash the colonial fascist dictatorship, bring about the democratization of society, put an end to the corrupt and depraved government and establish a new government and a new system and build a new life, a torch of democracy indicting fascist dictatorship, a righteous resistance against injustice and a banner of patriotism against treachery.

Scathingly denouncing the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for their merciless repression of Seoul University students who rose in the just struggle, they referred to the fact that today south Korea turned into a desolate grave of democracy where there are schools but no academic freedom and there are students but no opportunity of learning. The US imperialists and their stooges Pak Jung Hi fascist thugs, they stated, are entirely responsible for this.

They appealed to the south Korean youth and students and Seoul University students to raise higher the torch of anti-fascism and democratization and more bravely turn out in the struggle to drive the US imperialists out of south Korea, chop off the tentacles of reinvasion of the Japanese militarists, overthrow the "revitalized dictatorship" of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and achieve the democratization of south Korean society.

Meeting of Korean Youth and Students in Japan Held

On the 11th a meeting of Korean youth and students in Japan took place at the Korean University to support and encourage the struggle of Seoul University students.

Placed with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the great revolutionary leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

The meeting was attended by a large number of Korean youth and students who came from the Kanto districts and various other parts of Japan, with a towering indignation at the Pak Jung Hi traitorous clique.

Li Gyong Ho, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the League of Korean Youth in Japan, made a report at the meeting.

He expressed firm solidarity with and warm support and encouragement to the just patriotic struggle of the south Korean youth and students who rose valiantly against the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits, with the uplifted banner of anti-imperialism and anti-dictatorship.

Stressing that the recent struggle of south Korean students was an entirely just one, he denounced with surging indignation the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits for brutally repressing the students who are up in the struggle.

He said: The traitor Pak Jung Hi, the faithful running dog of the US and Japanese masters, must give up at once the criminal manoeuvres to perpetuate the national split and provoke a new war, step down from "power" and immediately release the illegally arrested and imprisoned patriotic democrats and youth and students.

After the speeches of representatives of youth and students of various strata, a statement supporting and encouraging the righteous struggle of the south Korean youth and students was adopted at the meeting.

"Committee of South Koreans in Japan for Solidarity with the Revolutionary Party for Reunification" Issues Statement

On the 9th the "Committee of South Koreans in Japan for Solidarity with the Revolutionary Party for Reunification" published a statement supporting the struggle of Seoul University students.

The statement extended all-round support and encouragement to the uprising of students, highly evaluating it as a just struggle conforming with the will and desire of the "whole nation" and as a self-sacrificing struggle rejecting forced silence and stimulating the uprising of the "nation".

It fully laid bare the crimes the traitor Pak Jung Hi has committed as the strangler of democracy and national reunification over the past 15 years after he seized "power" by force of arms. It called upon the compatriots at home and abroad and the broad public of the world to support the struggle of the heroic south Korean students and rise to struggle responding to it.

Organizations of Korean Youth and Students in Japan Jointly Publish Statement

On the 9th the Central Standing Committee of the League of Korean Youth in Japan, the Central Standing Committee of the Union of Korean Students Studying at Japanese Schools and the Committee of Korean Students in Japan issued a statement in joint name, supporting the struggle of Seoul University students.

Saying that the struggle of Seoul University students is a very righteous one, the statement expressed warm support for it. It continued:

The fascist clique of Pak Jung Hi, the traitor for all ages, are randomly arresting and suppressing Seoul University students who rose in the patriotic struggle, far from lending an ear to the fully just and righteous demands of the south Korean student youth. This is one more intolerable challenge to the south Korean people and youth and students who demand the democratization of society and the reunification of the country and a vicious crime going against the world public who love democracy.

The statement exposed the crimes of traitor Pak Jung Hi who has bribed the US imperialists, his masters, clinging to their sleeves, and condemned the desperate efforts of the puppet clique to veil the bribery and strongly demanded that the traitor Pak Jung Hi resign "power".

It expressed the conviction that the broad sections of Japanese people, youth and students and the world peaceloving people will more warmly support and encourage the struggle of the south Korean youth and students and trenchantly denounce the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's criminal acts.

Japan Headquarters of "Hanmintong" Issues Statement

On the 10th the Japan Headquarters of the "National Congress for the Restoration of Democracy in South Korea and the Promotion of Unification" ("Hanmintong") held a press conference and made public a statement.

Saying that Seoul University students stood up, unable to keep silence on the dark realities of south Korean society any longer, the statement referred to the justness of the struggle of the students who opposed the dictatorial government which not only stamped out the freedom of school and the freedom of speech but also deprived the "people" of their right to existence and jailed all righteous men. It pointed out:

What is wrong in the assertion and demand of students?

How long do you intend to continue employing such a mean repressive method as putting into effect a news blackout, concealing everything from the people and torturing patriotic students after their arrest.

Pak Jung Hi is exactly an inborn villain. He is incapable of ruling over the country.

Noting that Pak Jung Hi has been maintaining his power up to date by relying on the iron rule and foreign "aid" and resorting to deception and bribery, the statement strongly demanded that the Japanese government should not back up his iron rule.

Expressing the resolve to further intensify the struggle against Pak Jung Hi and dictatorship and for the restoration of democracy, the statement demanded that Pak Jung Hi release the arrested patriotic students immediately, that the Pak "regime" make clear the truth of the bribery and that the Japanese government expel south Korean "CIA" agents from Japan, probe into and make clear the truth of "Japan-south Korea nexus" and immediately stop encouraging the Pak "regime".

Reasonable Proposals for Independent, Peaceful Reunification of Korea (3)

—August 14, 1960

In his report made at the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the August 15 liberation, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung again expounded the policies and proposals for national reunification in an all-round way.

Saying that if the free north-south general elections without any foreign interference were still unacceptable to the south Korean authorities, transitional steps should, above all, be taken at least, the great leader advanced the following overture:

a. To institute a confederation of north and south Korea as a transitional step to settle, to start with, the urgent problems of the nation.

b. To organize an economic commission comprising the representatives of businessmen of north and south Korea and promote economic exchange and cooperation, if the south Korean authorities cannot accept even the confederation as yet.

c. To ensure the travel of cultural missions between the north and the south and realize mutual exchange in the fields of science, culture, art, sports and so forth.

d. To make the US troops withdraw from south Korea and reduce the strength of the north and south Korean armies to 100,000 or less respectively.

e. The representatives of north and south Korea should meet in Pyongyang or Seoul or Panmunjom at the earliest possible date to diseuss the prcblems as mentioned above.

— November 20, 1960

The 8th Session of the Second Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK debated in a comprehensive way on the problem of carrying into effect the well-advised proposals for national reunification elucidated by the great leader in his report which was made at the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the August 15 liberation and advanced concrete proposals and a written opinion to hasten the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

△ After the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique wrested power and established a military fascist dictatorship in south Korea by force of arms at the instigation of the US imperialists, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea put forward most reasonable proposals for national reunification and made persevering efforts to carry them into effect, believing that they would stop betraying the nation and stop repressing the people and they would return to the national stand.

—September 11, 1961

In his report on the work of the Central Committee to the Fourth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung restated the policy for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country consistently maintained by our Party and said that in order to solve the question of our country's reunification a unified government should be established by free elections on democratic principles throughout the whole of Korea without any interference from the outside forces.

The great leader pointed out that the prerequisite for genuine free elections was to force the US imperialist aggressor troops from south Korea and all political parties, social organizations and individual public figures should be allowed to freely engage in political activities wherever they are in the country.

He stressed that we would warmly welcome even those who in the past committed crimes against the homeland and the people provided they repent their crimes and turn out in a fight for the country's independent, peaceful reunification and would never fail to embrace them at all times after the reunification.

—October 23, 1962

At the First Session of the Third Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, clarifying once again the policy of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, advanced a reasonable proposal for realizing complete reunification through a series of intermediary steps, on the condition that foreign troops are withdrawn from south Korea. Summed up briefly they are:

(a) Withdrawing the US imperialist aggressor troops from south Korea and reducing the armed forces of both the north and south to 100,000 or less respectively.

(b) Realizing economic and cultural exchange and cooperation when tension between the north and south is eliminated and forming an economic committee composed of representatives of north and south of Korea for the purpose of effectively carrying out north-south exchange.

(c) Establishing a north-south Confederation in order to achieve initial reunification, when exchange and cooperation between the north and south are put into effect.

(d) Forming a unified central government representing all strata of people in north and south Korea on the basis of free elections throughout the whole of Korea, conducted on democratic principles in order to achieve the complete reunification of the country after taking these intermediary steps.

—December 10, 1963

The joint meeting of the DPRK SPA Presidium, the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for Reunification of the Fatherland and the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland adopted an appeal to the south Korean people, political figures and social activists. The main contents are:

a) Concluding an agreement between the north and south on refraining from attack on each other and cutting the military strength of both sides to 100,000 each or less, on the condition that US troops are withdrawn from south Korea.

b) Effecting free exchange of letters and travel of personnel between the north and south.

c) Establishing a permanent economic committee composed of representatives of the north and south and realizing economic cooperation and exchange of both sides.

d) Holding talks of representatives of north and south Korea at Panmunjom or other places at the earliest possible date to discuss the pressing matters of concern to the nation.

— March 27, 1964

In his report delivered at the Third Session of the Third Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, our Foreign Minister proposed that positive save-the-nation measures be taken to frustrate the "ROK-Japan talks" between the Japanese militarists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique of south Korea conducted under the manipulation of US imperialism and hasten national reunification. The points laid down are:

(a) Joining hands with personages of all sections in south Korea who reject foreign forces and want reunification and independence of the country, irrespective of differences of political views and religious beliefs, property status and party affiliations, and uniting with those who defend the interests of the nation and work for reunification, regardless of their past record.

(b) Immediately convening a joint meeting of representatives of all political parties, social organizations of north and south Korea or another form of joint meeting of both sides in order to discuss the reunification question of the country.

(c) Taking over those people who roam the streets in search of jobs in south Korea and providing them with jobs and a secured life.

— April 12, 1971

The Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK advanced 8 point-proposal for national reunification:

(a) Withdrawing the US imperialist aggressor troops from south Korea.

(b) Reducing the armed forces of north and south Korea to 100,000 or less respectively after the pullout of the US imperialist aggressor troops.

(c) Abrogating and proclaiming null and void all treacherous and shackling treaties and agreements including the "ROK-US Mutual Defence Pact" and the "ROK-Japan Treaty"—that the south Korean puppet regime concluded in contradiction to the interests of the nation.

(d) Establishing a unified central government through free north-south general elections on an independent and democratic basis.

(e) Guaranteeing all political parties, social organizations and individual figures complete freedom of political activity in all parts of north and south Korea for free north-south general elections and unconditionally releasing all political "prisoners" and patriots arrested and imprisoned in south Korea on the charges of having fought for national reunification.

(f) Setting up a Confederation of north and south Korea as a transitional step prior to complete reunification, while leaving intact the present differing social systems of both sides for the time being, if necessary.

(g) Effectuating exchange and cooperation in the fields of economy and culture between the north and the south and correspondence and travel of personnel.

(h) Convening a political consultative meeting of north and south Korea to discuss all the problems mentioned above.

— August 6, 1971

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung declared that we were ready to hold broad-range negotiations with all political parties including the Democratic Republican Party, the ruling party in south Korea, social organizations and individual personages at any time, as a step to accelerate the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Thanks to our positive efforts, contact between the north-south Red Cross organizations was started from the latter part of August 1971, which was followed by north-south high-level talks in 1972 and the publication of the historic North-South Joint Statement on July 4 of the same year, the keynote of which is three principles for national reunification—independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity.

"BUDGET" FOR WAR AND PLUNDER OF PEOPLE

1977 "Budget" of Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Today, the bulk of the budget of the south Korean puppet government is appropriated for military purposes." (Kim Il Sung, *Selected Works*, Eng. ed., Vol. II, p. 220.)

By origin, the "budget" of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique is a means of stepping up their war moves and squeezing the people more cruelly.

The "budget bill" for 1977 passed by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique at the "national assembly" on December 2 is simply an out-and-out war "budget" and a most reactionary "budget" for fascist suppression and exploitation of the people.

A clear proof of this is the fact that this "budget" is characterized throughout by sharp increase of military expenditure and general administrative expenses and the extracting of taxes from the people.

The traitor Pak Jung Hi himself raved that as the scale of the "budget" for next year expanded unprecedentedly as a whole, "it should not be forgotten that the domestic burden became heavier" and that "in particular, the outlay for national defence is to reach the neighbourhood of 1,000,000 million *won* and this means that the appropriations for security hold a big proportion and entail a heavy burden."

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique set aside 925,431 million *won* as "funds for national defence" in next year's "budget" under the name of "self-reliant national defence", which manifested their intensified war provocative acts.

This amount is much more than twice the figure of last year and a growth of 31.4 per cent over that of this year.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique engrossed in their scheme for war provocation have diverted a huge portion of the 1977 "budget" to military purposes. They have a plan to introduce up-to-date equipment to the tune of 520 million dollars—hundreds of "Harpoon missiles", new-type anti-submarine speed boats, highly efficient coastal patrol boats, "F-4B Phantom" and "F-5A" fighter bombers and so forth—in the coming year as a main link of the "modernization" of the puppet army.

Besides, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have earmarked enormous funds of next year's "budget" for augmentation of military potentialities, i.e., for the building of the munitions industry, the production of materials for nuclear fission, the growth of civilian armed forces, the militarization of the economy and the enlargement of establishments in the indirect military field, such as construction of railways, roads and harbours.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have devoted a great portion of the "budget" of the coming year to the strengthening of the system of fascist suppression which aims to crack down harder on the people.

They have allotted 295,957 million *won* of general administrative expenses, or an increase of 38.3 per cent over this year, to intensify the fascist repression against the people.

This glaringly shows to what extent they have gone in their desperate efforts to expand suppressive forces and apparatuses to counter the massive advance of the south Korean people, youth and students.

They are scheming to newly build or expand 269 police stations, police substations and police boxes and augment the number of policemen by over 7,000 allegedly to more firmly maintain "public peace at home" next year.

They are also planning to increase the expense of search for each case by nearly 400 per cent.

They have appropriated a stupendous amount of "budget" funds for the maintenance and reinforcement of the "Central Intelligence Agency" and other fascist suppressive setups and for use of some 10,000 more "public officials" than before.

The anti-people character of the "budget" of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique is revealed even more saliently in the plunder of the people.

They have compiled a huge "budget" envisaging mainly the disbursement of funds for war preparations, and the expenses are to be covered entirely by the funds collected through stepped-up fleecing of the south Korean people.

The tax income envisaged by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique occupies 93.9 per cent in the total revenue. They are going to raise the tax rates in all domains of "internal tax", "customs duties" and "defence tax" next year and exact 2,475,121 million *won* of money from the people.

Thus, the "internal tax" is to swell by 33.8 per cent and "customs duties" by 68.3 per cent as compared with this year. The "defence tax" is to rise by 30.4 per cent and the "profits of government monopoly enterprises" and other profits from tax collection are to grow in general.

To make matters worse, as the taxes will be imposed mainly on the working people in the principal form of indirect taxes, the special privileges granted to landlords, comprador capitalists and reactionary bureaucrats will be further enlarged and, on the contrary, the plunder of workers, peasants and other working people will be intensified. Consequently, the rich will get richer and the poor get poorer at an accelerated speed.

In addition, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have increased by a wide margin railway rates, electric fees, postal charges, school impositions and other public utility rates to rake up colossal funds.

And they are contemplating to bleed the people white through issuance of "public loan bonds", "national bonds", "savings encouragement" and what not.

As all facts show, the 1977 "budget" which has been worked out by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to secure a fabulous sum of military spendings for their new war provocation manoeuvres and cater to the financial needs for fascist crackdown and militarization of the economy, is a "budget" for war and plunder of people, a "budget" the kind of which is rare to be seen before.

This notwithstanding, in order to veil the reactionary nature of the 1977 "budget" and facilitate their exploitation of the people the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are indulged in ludicrous ruses filled with deception and fraudulence, trying to give the "budget" the appearance of a "balanced budget", a "budget" guaranteeing "stability of the people's life" and "stability of commodity prices" and a "budget" designed "to get rid of social injustice".

With no sophistry and fabrication, however, can the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique camouflage the reactionary nature of the treacherous and anti-people "budget."

It is as clear as daylight that the reactionary "budget" of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique will further precipitate the bankruptcy and ruin of the south Korean economy by causing ever more serious financial difficulty, shortage of raw materials and marketing difficulty and make the south Korean people live a sub-human, deteriorated life in the absence of all political rights, plunging them deeper into the vortex of war and fascism.

Choe Si Hwan

Where Is Traitor Pak Jung Hi, Arch-Briber, Heading for?

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"The present south Korean rulers, who have become the only imperialist puppets left in Asia, are now trembling in the grip of fear that the day is not far off when they will fall down like a horse-hair hat with no strings to hold it on."

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have offered a great deal of bribes to the US ruling circles for years on end, begging for the protection of their masters. The true aspects of their foul act are now being revealed in an unbroken chain, giving rise to public criticism in all parts of the world.

Their bribery has become the target of denunciation of ever-mounting world public opinion. There is a great stir even in the US political circles and voices demanding the reconsideration of the relations with the south Korean puppets are being raised.

This has thrown the puppets into a hopeless quandary where they run helter-skelter, forsaken by everybody and pressed hard by public opinion that calls for the stoppage of their unprecedented violation of human rights and the pull-out of US troops.

Ridiculous Move to Shirk Their Responsibility for Bribery Crime

At present the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are committing more shameless acts than ever before, employing stopgap measures one after another and resorting to all sorts of trickery with a view to covering up at any cost the truth of their bribery cases and eluding the spearhead of condemnation directed to them.

Flurried by the disclosure of their bribery scandals, puppet Pak Jung Hi, the quisling, kicked up such a row as "reorganizing" their puppet "Central Intelligence Agency" branch in the US and called back to south Korea those executors whose true colour was brought to light and field back-stage manipulators or let some of them go to third countries in late November. This "operation to intercept" the "investigations" is enough to give one clear idea of the matter.

As was revealed by "The New York Times", it is too clear that the very racket of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique is aimed at preventing their bribery crime from being more fully exposed and getting rid of the material evidence of their crime in particular.

With no "interceptive operation", however, could the rascal Pak Jung Hi conceal the truth of their bribery being brought into the open beyond retrieve. This led him to stagemanage a "Cabinet reshuffle" farce on December 4.

Through this buffoonery the traitor Pak Jung Hi relieved Sin Jik Su of his post of "director" of the puppet "CIA" and "replaced" some "ministers" including the "minister of education" and the chairman of the "commission for national unification".

This is a direct outcome of the aggravating political crisis the traitor Pak Jung Hi is now facing and is designed to allay public opinion at home and abroad by shifting on to some "ministers" and "directors" the responsibility for the aftermath of the vicious military fascist rule and the bribery crime and removing them from office.

Besides, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are trying to shore up the shaky foothold of their fascist rule and realize their avaricious desire for long stay in power by installing their yesmen in the leading posts of the puppet regime through the "Cabinet reshuffle".

To play such tricks as "Cabinet reshuffle" and "reorganization" is a stereotyped method the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique adopt whenever the crisis of their fascist terror rule becomes serious.

The truth of the scandals, however, is just going to be disclosed in all nakedness by Kim Sang Gun, "councillor" of the south Korean puppet embassy in the United States and the "second man" in the US branch of the puppet "CIA", who has already taken refuge in the United States.

He is reportedly a "central figure" who has been in "general command" of the "bribery operation". He is regarded as a "central figure of the scandals" who "knows everything" related to the bribing scandals and "keeps an account-book recording the flow of a stupendous sum of money" used in bribery.

Through the fact that Ryang Du Won, assistant to the vice-director of the puppet "CIA", was recently fired bearing the responsibility of the disclosure of the bribery scandals and that Chong In Suk, concubine of the quisling Pak Jung Hi, Hong Jong Chol, former "Chongwadae special assistant for control of illegalities", and Kim Song Gon, former "chairman of the financial committee of the Democratic Republican Party", met with tragic deaths, Kim Sang Gun is well aware that Pak Jung Hi is a murderer who ruthlessly assassinates his hirelings for fear of the disclosure of his despicable acts. That is why he refused to obey puppet Pak Jung Hi's "order to return home" and sought asylum in the United States, carrying with him the said "account-book" promising that he would bring to light the whole truth of the bribery scandals.

Fearful of the whole aspect of his "bribing operation" being revealed through Kim Sang Gun, traitor Pak Jung Hi is now in a fit of every description.

Last-Ditch Effort of the Doomed

The puppets, driven to bay, bare their fangs.

An instance is that recently the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique staged a government-sponsored function in Pusan to raise an "anti-communist" clamour.

Puppet Pak Jung Hi saw to it that the speaker at the function uttered an absurdity that we answered the "suggestion" for resumption of the north-south dialogue with the Panmunjom incident. He even let the speaker spin out a string of nonsensical words such as "unity" and "national harmony".

It goes without saying that this is a threadbare juggiery invented to sidetrack the world's attention focussed on the bribery scandals.

The word "dialogue" from the mouth of the splittist is absolutely improper because he has sought perpetual division of the country, clinging to the coattails of the US imperialists, and declared "two Koreas" to be his policy. Moreover, as for the Panmunjom incident, it is an incident provoked by the US imperialists, his masters, and an aggressive act strongly assailed by the world public.

"Unity" and "national harmony" can in no way be achieved in south Korea where banditti rule the roost and bribery practice is encouraged as a "policy". These catchwords only show a paroxysm of those who are destined to fall.

Western news dispatches said that the recent government-sponsored "anti-communist" clamour raised by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique was intended to prevent "the recurrence of a second April 19 uprising" which knocked down Syngman Rhee.

The frantic machinations of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to find a way out have become more hazardous.

Concrete examples of this are the so-called "meeting of principal commanding officers of the whole army" and the "meeting of commanding officers" of all branches of services convened by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique a few days ago and provocative remarks made by bosses of the puppet army there.

In particular, the puppet minister of defence again brought forth the argument about the non-existent "threat of invasion from the north" and prattled that they "should get ready for national defence" and should venture to "strike" their opponent at the outset of a war.

Timing with this, the puppet clique mobilized huge puppet armed forces to conduct boisterous war exercises in the South Sea—"naval bombardment exercise", "naval exercise" and the like.

Having set the period from December 2 to 20 as the "term of application for all those to be registered in re-forming the civil defence corps", they are planning to enlist in the fascist organization for war all the south Korean inhabitants including children aged 16 in the coming year.

What do the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique pursue in all these war rows?

Their aim is to soften up the voices condemning them and placate the strong call for withdrawal of the US imperialist aggression troops from south Korea by raising widespread outcries over "the threat of invasion from the north", stepping up war manoeuvrings and straining the situation of the country.

As all facts clearly show, the war din of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique which is getting undisguised recently is the last-ditch effort of those who find themselves in a helpless scrape as never before.

The Pak Jung Hi villains, a band of war maniacs, nation-splitting elements and pro-US flunkeyist traitors, are bound to ruin before long, with the stern judgement of history passed on them.

Kim Tae Su

World Public Lashes at Bribery of Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique

Voices of world public denouncing the despicable bribery of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are mounting as days go by.

Recently the Pakistan-Korea Friendship Association made public a statement.

It pointed out that in order to maintain their fascist rule the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique committed shameful acts of offering bribes to their masters. It continued:

The recently exposed bribery scandals fully reveal the nature of the fascist rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

Today all the people are well aware that the south Korean people are subjected to inhuman treatment and are in the grip of poverty and that south Korean society is becoming corrupt with every passing day.

The south Korean puppet clique pay no regard to this and are begging for the continued presence of the US troops in south Korea, thereby increasing the sufferings of the nation.

In conclusion it demanded that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique resign "power" at once.

The Lahore District Lawyers Association of Pakistan also issued a statement of late, castigating the bribery cases of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

It said that the bribery scandals of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique became an undeniable, stark fact. It stressed:

This fact clearly proves that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, having caused the present south Korean society to be in a catastrophic crisis, are pursuing only their interests and shows how viciously they are trying to realize their anti-national, anti-popular aim, persistently clinging to the sleeves of the US imperialists, their masters.

Their act evokes indignation and resentment among the justice-loving progressive people and lawyers.

Newspapers and radios of many countries are also exposing the bribery of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

In its commentary headlined "Seoul Bribes Washington", the recent issue of the Bulgarian paper "Rabotnichesko Delo" disclosed the filthiness of the bribery of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, saying that their bribery is aimed to maintain their fascist dictatorial "regime" by greasing the palms of those who are considered to be influential in the mapping out and implementation of the foreign policy of the United States.

Though the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique had Pak Dong Son and others go to third countries or called them back to home for fear of the disclosure of their bribery, it pointed out, they cannot hide the truth.

A commentary carried in the recent issue of the Syrian paper "Al Usubuu Al Riyadih" emphasized: The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique going against the times must know clearly that with nothing can they save themselves from the imminent doom, though they resort to all sorts of shameful and despicable methods to prolong their shaky fascist rule even a day.

In a recent commentary Radio Syria pointed out that the Pak Jung Hi gang of traitors are the puppets who cannot live even a day without the "protection" of the US imperialists, their masters, and stressed that this traitorous clique engrossed in foul acts will surely be brought to stern punishment by the people.

Many publications and radios of the world continue to flay the bribery of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

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Maltese People—Our Close Friends

In the general election held in Malta some time ago the progressive Labour Party won a victory and Dominic Mintoff was reelected Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta. We are very glad of it and picture in our minds Malta vigorously advancing along the road of independence.

The Maltese people who won national independence through their protracted, arduous struggle have waged an energetic struggle to create a new life along the broad avenue opened up by the independence.

Especially after Prime Minister Dominic Mintoff came into power in 1971, the Maltese government took a series of resolute measures such as forcing the Mediterranean Command of "NATO" out of its territory and prohibiting the US imperialist ships from calling at Maltese ports, thus dealing a heavy blow at the imperialists.

With the adoption of a new Constitution and the proclamation of the Republic of Malta in December 1974, the struggle of the Maltese people to build a new society has developed onto a higher stage. After the proclamation of the Republic, the government nationalized the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and many other factories, enterprises, companies and banks owned by the foreign monopolies and firmly established state control over the air and marine transport, radio and TV broadcasting, etc.

Now in Malta a fierce struggle is being unfolded to successfully carry out the Seven-Year Economic Plan, a plan for building an independent and prosperous new society, under the motto: "Malta of Maltese people". And the work for sweeping away the remnants of colonialism and safeguarding and developing her own history and cultural traditions is being conducted vigorously in the social and cultural spheres.

The Republic of Malta, while pursuing a non-alignment policy, is now proudly appearing on the international arena on an equal basis with all the other countries of the world.

Proceeding from the firm independent stand, the Government of Malta positively support our people's struggle for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

Our people remember the speeches made by the Maltese Prime Minister and good impressions left by him during his stay in our country in January last year. We take pride in having the independent Maltese people as our comrades-in-arms and brothers.

Victory is in store for the Maltese people who march ahead following the current of our times, the era of independence.

Li Tae Hun

Friendship Visits

☆ A delegation of workers of the Polish United Workers' Party headed by Wieslaw Klimczak, Director of the Ideological Education Department of the Central Committee of the PUWP, visited our country from November 9 to 17 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union.

☆ A delegation of the Trade Bank of Romania headed by its Vice-President Anghel Nicolae visited our country from November 12 to 16.

☆ A delegation of the Romanian Journalists Council led by Ernest Brateinstein, Editor-in-Chief of the paper "Neuer Weg", paid a visit to our country from October 29 to November 9 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union.

☆ A delegation of the Branch of the Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic of the Soviet-Korean Friendship Society headed by K.A. Akhmetov, Chairman of the State Vocational Technical Education Commission of the Council of Ministers of the KSSR, visited our country from November 2 to 16.

☆ A Soviet moviemen's delegation led by M.K. Bayalinov, Chairman of the State Film Commission of the Council of Ministers of the Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republic, visited our country from November 2 to 12.

☆ A delegation of the Journalists Union of the German Democratic Republic headed by Wiese Heinz, Member of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of the GDR Journalists Union and Editor-in-Chief of "the Voice of People", organ of the Magdeburg District Party Committee, paid a visit to our country from November 2 to 16.

☆ Mohammed Masaneh Ceesay, General Secretary of the Gambian Labour Union, visited our country from November 2 to 9.

☆ An Italy-Korea friendship and cultural delegation led by Ettore Biocca, Member of the Leadership of the Italy-Korea Cultural Association and professor of the Rome University, visited our country from November 2 to 16.

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